



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Division of Workers' Compensation - Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MS-48)

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

HOUSTON ORTHROPAEDIC SURGICAL

Respondent Name

EMPLOYERS INSURANCE CO OF WAUSAU

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-15-3376-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 01

MFDR Date Received

JUNE 12, 2015

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "We are submitting this claim to you for reconsideration. Liberty Mutual denied this claim for timely filing. The claim was previously submitted to Cigna electronically on 3/11/14. I have included a copy of the hospital tracking status as proof of timely filing along with supporting documentation. We are asking that you reprocess our claim for payment. Please review this reconsideration and the enclosed documents."

Amount in Dispute: \$2,473.80

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "We base our payments on the Texas Fee Guidelines and the Texas Department of Insurance Division of Workers' Compensation Acts and Rules. This is not a network claim.

CPT 27535 is Status C per the Outpatient Prospective Payment system. As a C code, it is only payable when performed in the inpatient setting. The bill was submitted with type of bill 0131 or outpatient services. Other charges on the bill are not payable when billed with a Status C code. Therefore, all charges were denied as Procedure Code not reimbursable in an outpatient setting per state or Medicare guidelines. (U415)."

Response Submitted by: Liberty Mutual Insurance

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
February 27, 2014	CPT Code 27535 RT, 73562-RT-TC and 99283	\$2,473.80	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and applicable rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.

2. The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
 - F286 – Date(s) of service exceed (95) day time period for submission per rule 408.027 and Bulletin No. B-0037-05A
 - Z652 – Recommendation of payment has been based on a procedure code which best describes rendered

Issues

1. Did the requestor waive the right to medical fee dispute resolution?

Findings

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) states:

Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file the request with the division's MFDR Section or waive the right to MFDR. The division shall deem a request to be filed on the date the MFDR Section receives the request. A decision by the MFDR Section that a request was not timely filed is not a dismissal and may be appealed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

(A) A request for MFDR that does not involve issues identified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be filed no later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute.

The date of the services in dispute is February 27, 2014. The request for medical fee dispute resolution was received in the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) Section on JUNE 12, 2015. This date is later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the disputed services do not involve issues identified in §133.307(c)(1)(B). The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division's MFDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

7/10/15
Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, *37 Texas Register 3833*, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MFDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.